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HOLLYWOOD/SUNSET BID PATROL

SUMMARY FOR 10-06-08 THROUGH 11-09-08

This report documents Andrews International's BID Security Team's activities through week 45 of 2008. We continue to pursue every avenue in our quest to improve the quality of life in the BID areas. To this end we use enforcement to remove criminals from the streets. We reach out to the homeless and try to assist them in finding a better life off the streets. We also work closely with the business community and local government entities. We go out of our way to assist tourists to help make sure their visit in Hollywood is safe and enjoyable. In order to address these issues, we meet with and coordinate our efforts with every group, public and private, that we can identify that are pursuing similar goals.

EVENTS OF INTEREST:

On 10-14-08, I attended the Selma Elementary School Back-to-School Parents Night. Principal Julie Kane had asked me to be a speaker at the event. I spoke to the parents about the role of our security team in the BID. I spoke about our efforts to help secure Selma Park for the use of area children and told the parents they could call on us regarding suspicious or dangerous activities around the school. I stayed afterward in order to answer questions from the parents.

On 10-18-08, there was an incident where an illegal CD seller attacked Ronald Montiel who plays the character 'Nacho Libre' in front of the Grauman's Chinese Theater. The victim was punched numerous times on the head. A second CD seller kept people from coming to the assistance of Nacho. The courageous 'Cat Woman' videotaped the attack on her cellular phone. The second suspect started arguing with Cat Woman and pushed her phone away so that she could not film the incident.

Our Officers took Cat Woman's camera's memory card to a local Kinko's so copies could be made of the video. We then supplied LAPD with a copy to attach with the crime report. I later spoke to City Attorney Will Rivera about the case. We also provided him a copy of the video. This is an on-going issue that must be addressed before someone is seriously injured.

On 10-20-08, our Officers found John and Tammy wandering around in the 1700 block of Cahuenga. They were tourists from San Francisco. They said they had been lost for the last hour and were trying to get back to the Renaissance Hotel. We set them on the right path.

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On 10-26-08, the Pantages Theater sponsored a Scavenger Hunt that went throughout the BID areas in Hollywood. Our Officers provided security as they spent their free patrol time checking up on the group. We were also able to help as the group found themselves locked out of Selma Park where the event was to start. We were able to get them in.

On 10-29-08, Assistant Security Director Joe Salazar attended the CPAB Meeting at 6501 Fountain. LAPD Captain Grimala was the speaker. She said that overall crime in Hollywood was down by 15% when compared to other LAPD stations throughout the city. She publicly thanked the BID Security Team for our contributions in lowering the crime rate in our area.

On 10-28-08, we assisted LAPD Officers as they made a felony traffic stop at Hollywood and Schrader. A male was assaulting a female. A large amount of marijuana packaged for sales was recovered in the vehicle.

On 10-30-08, two of our teams were at the Mobil Station located at 5857 Sunset Blvd. They noticed a man (M/H, 6'4", shaved head) who was getting gas for an older Ford Yellow Cab. He said hello to the Officers. The Officers remembered seeing him about a month previously. They watched him at that time as he was acting suspiciously.

Later in the day, LAPD put out a broadcast advising that they were in pursuit of a suspect matching the above description, westbound on Franklin from Gower. They advised that he was wanted for murder. Our Officers responded to the area to assist in looking for the suspect who escaped.

Our Officers returned to the Mobil Station and asked the owner to allow them to review his security tape from earlier in the day. They found the part of the tape where the suspect was pumping gas. They then called LAPD and Officers Garcia and Kangel responded. They viewed the tape and advised that this was indeed the murder suspect. They left with a copy of the tape.

During the month of October, we conducted our second clothing drive of the year for the Church of the Blessed Sacrament. After speaking with Yolanda Lichtman who is the Director of Social Services at the church, I learned that they had an acute shortage of men's clothing. We collected about 25 large bags of clothing from Andrews International employees from our Hollywood, Burbank, and Valencia offices and took it to the church.

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On 11-07-08, there was a large demonstration against Proposition 8. Over 12,000 people participated. They started south of the BID areas, but marched through both BIDS ending up at Hollywood and Highland. LAPD had a massive presence. I (Seyler) was invited to be present in the LAPD Command POST and assisted in keeping communication open between Hollywood and Highland Security and LAPD.

It was a great joint effort. We were able to provide real time intelligence as our guard's relayed information about protesters arriving on the Metro. There was also an incident where protesters were gathering around a line of parked police cars. They were looking in the windows and under the vehicles. No LAPD Officers could be spared at that moment, but we were able to send some of our Hollywood and Highland Guards over to monitor the situation. This immediate real time communication obviously increases our efficiency greatly.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

- 1) 10-07-08, LAPD Crime Control Meeting
- 2) 10-08-08, CPAB Night Club Meeting
- 3) 10-09-08, Community Meeting, Ivar Street Businesses
- 4) 10-10-08, Star Ceremony, Tim Robbins
- 5) 10-13-08, YIMBY/PATH Meeting
- 6) 10-14-08, Selma Elementary, Back to School Night
- 7) 10-14-08, Sunset BID Board Meeting
- 8) 10-16-08, Hollywood and Highland Retail Meeting
- 9) 10-20-08, LAPD Gang Unit Meeting
- 10) 10-20-08, Community Case Management Meeting
- 11) 10-21-08, LAPD Crime Control Meeting
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- 14) 10-30-08, All Hallows Eve Event
- 15) 10-30-08, McDonald's/LAPD Meeting
- 16) 10-31-08, LAPD Supervisor's Halloween Planning Meeting
- 17) 11-05-08, Chamber of Commerce Luncheon
- 18) 11-06-08, Youth Homeless Outreach Meeting
- 19) 11-06-08, Hollywood and Highland retail Meeting

OUTREACH:

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On 10-07-08, our Officers contacted Richard and Donna at 6345 Hollywood Blvd. We have known of this homeless couple for some time. In the past they slept in their red Cadillac at the Big Lots parking lot on Vine. They recently sold the car and began sleeping on the sidewalk at the above address on Hollywood Blvd.

Both are about 60 years old and Donna uses a walker due to a hip injury. Our Officers asked if they could help them find shelter. We then transported the couple to the Church of the Blessed Sacrament so they could meet with Get Love Counselor Sonny. He was able to place both.

On 10-09-08, our Officers contacted Betty Peak at Ivar and De Longpre. We have tried to assist her many times in the past. She has had many medical issues and had a badly infected leg. Her right leg had since been amputated. She says she is happier now that the leg is gone. We continue to try to help and have contacted her Health Department Outreach Case Worker giving them Betty's current sleep location.

On 10-15-08, our Officers found Willie lying on the sidewalk at 6315 Hollywood Blvd. He was homeless and had nowhere to go. We contacted Allison from PATH who said she and her team would respond shortly. They were unable to place him at that time.

On 10-18-08, our Officers found Dani passed out in her vehicle at Hollywood and Vine. We called Paramedics who responded and treated her at the scene.

On 10-28-08 we contacted Willie again at Hollywood and Vine. He was homeless and in need of help. We contacted Tina from PATH and stood by while she arranged housing for Willie for a future date. Both parties thanked us for our assistance.

On 11-05-08, our Officers contacted 95 year old Janet Ryan in front of Ripley's Believe it or Not at 6780 Hollywood Blvd. She was in a wheelchair and had trouble speaking. She appeared to be a stroke victim. She had a cup for collecting change from passing people.

Our Officers asked if she needed help. She was frightened at first and then started crying. She said she spent her Social Security check for rent and could not pay her electric bill. That's why she was begging for money. We called Get Love and they responded to the location.

The Get Love Staff took Janet to her home on Orange. She had no food so they bought her a week's supply. They also paid her electric

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bill and said they would assist her in the future. Once again, we are very grateful for the help of Get Love.

ENFORCEMENT:

Attached is the year-to-date statistics for both BIDS. These results reflect the first 45 weeks of 2008.

In the Hollywood BID we have made a total of 885 arrests. Five hundred and twenty two were for drinking in public, 85 for urinating in public, 92 for misdemeanor drugs, 36 for trespass, and 20 for illegal vending, 18 for battery, 16 for blocking the sidewalk, 4 for theft, and 10 for vandalism, 38 miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 42 felonies. We also made 2330 homeless referrals, provided extra patrol to 3181 locations, assisted 3453 citizens, handled 1216 radio calls for service and made 2012 business contacts.

In the Sunset BID, we have made a total of 620 arrests. Two hundred and ninety were for drinking in public, 74 for urinating in public, 23 for drugs, 17 for trespass, and 9 for illegal vending, 5 for battery, 17 for blocking the sidewalk, 10 for theft, 2 for vandalism, 147 for miscellaneous misdemeanors, and 26 for felonies. We also made 1210 homeless referrals, provided extra patrol to 1757 locations, assisted 1908 citizens, handled 588 radio calls for service, and made 1120 business contacts.

The combined totals for both BIDS are 1505 arrests. Eight hundred and twelve for drinking in public, 159 for urinating in public, 115 for misdemeanor drugs, 53 for trespass, 29 for illegal vending, 23 for battery, 33 for blocking the sidewalk, 14 for theft, 12 for vandalism, 185 for miscellaneous misdemeanors and 68 for various felonies. We also made a combined total of 3540 homeless referrals, provided extra patrol to 4938 locations, assisted 5361 citizens, handled 1804 radio calls for service, and made 3132 business contacts.

NOTED ARRESTS:

On 10-06-08, we arrested Barbara for defecating in public at 6126 Hollywood Blvd.

On 10-12-08, we assisted LAPD with the arrest of Eddie who is a long time problem subject. He is a known drug dealer and we have arrested him several times in the past. On this occasion he had an outstanding felony warrant.

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On 10-17-08, our Officers were flagged down by a citizen named Brian in front of the Mark Twain Hotel (1622 Wilcox). Brian said that two armed men broke into his hotel room. He had already called LAPD. As our Officers walked towards his room, the two suspects fled. We were able to catch both. LAPD arrived and computer check revealed that one suspect had an outstanding No Bail Felony PAL Warrant.

On 10-20-08, our Officers arrested Richard for drinking in public. He was transported to the LAPD Hollywood Station where he was cited out. Upon leaving the station, he was seen eating the citation.

On 10-23-08, we arrested Kevin for illegal possession of a shopping cart. We then learned that he had an outstanding No Bail Felony warrant for Narcotics violations.

On 10-24-08, our Officers arrested three juveniles for truancy. They were Jocelyn, Pedro, and Edgar. LAPD responded and took them back to school.

On 10-28-08, we arrested Ronald for illegal possession of a shopping cart at Hollywood and Cahuenga. We then learned that he had a No Bail Felony Warrant. He had an additional 21 outstanding Bench Warrants.

DEPLOYMENT:

Our basic deployment in both BIDS has been to cover 6:00 A.M. until 8:30 P.M. on Monday through Saturday. On Sunday we cover from 10:00 A.M. until 6:30 P.M.

We vary our hours on occasion so that we can address particular problems that might arise such as illegal vending or other crimes occurring after our usual end of watch time.

TRAINING UPDATE:

During this period we continued our vigorous training program. Our Officers received training on a variety of topics, were tested, and the results made available to entities that monitor the security industry in California.

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